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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6005

INFO AMEMBASSY GABOFONE

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, OEXC, LT

SUBJECT: VISIT OF QUEEN 'MAMOHATO

1. AT RECENT FAREWELL DINNER FOR AMBASSADOR HOSTED BY KING MOSHOESHOE II, QUEEN 'MAMOHATO STATED SHE WOULD BE DEPARTING AUGUST 3 FOR VISIT TO TANZANIA. VISIT IN RESPONSE INVITATION EXTENDED BY TANZANIAN VICE PRESIDENT JUMBE DURING VISIT LAST MARCH. SHE FURTHER STATED SHE WAS VERY INTERESTED IN INFORMAL VISIT TO U.S. NEXT SUMMER.

2. EMBASSY PLANS NOMINATE QUEEN FOR FY 77 IV GRANT. NO PROTOCOL PROBLEM FORESEEN AS QUEEN HAS ASSURED AMBASSADOR HER DESIRED VISIT BE COMPLETELY INFORMAL, INVOLVING NO PROTOCOL WHATSOEVER.

3. FOR FOLLOWING REASONS POST FEELS VISIT WOULD BE MAJOR PLUS IN U.S./LESOTHO RELATIONS. QUEEN WIELDS GREAT TRADITIONAL POWER AND IS HELD IN GREAT REVERENCE BY VAST MAJORITY OF BASOTHO. THOUGH APOLITICAL IN PUBLIC, PRIVATELY QUEEN IS KNOWN TO BE CONSERVATIVE AND PRO-AMERICAN. RESPONSIVENESS TO THIS REQUEST WOULD BE DIRECTLY SUPPORTIVE OF QUEEN'S PRO-AMERICAN OUTLOOK.

4. FORMAL NOMINATION WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL EARLY FY 77.

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